(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the reason for such a state of affairs ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In the Lower Division, the early candidates in some cases did not apply for the same posts as the later candidates, and did not belong to the same community. Within the same community seniority according to acting service and not earlier registration of application, is the criterion for the selection.

In the Intermediate Division, endorsement of registration has no relation to selection.

Appointments made by the Public Service Commissioner.

342 ✻ **MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total number of appointments made in the lower, intermediate and the higher divisions of the Public Service by the Public Service Commissioner since his appointment as such ; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the persons appointed till now by the Public Service Commissioner ?

DR. G. D. NOKES :

(*a*) Recruitments advised in the Lower Division ... 3753
Recruitments advised in the Intermediate Division. 1807
Recruitments advised in the Higher Division ... 6

(*b*) Statements by caste of the persons advised by the Public Service Commissioner in the Intermediate and the Lower Division, during 1112 are published on pages 30 to 32 and 37 and 38 respectively of the Administration Report of the Public Service Department for 1112 M. E.

Those for 1113 are published on pages 20 to 23 and 27 and 28 respectively of the Report for 1113 M. E.

Those for 1114 have been placed on the table as answer to Assembly Interpellation No. 78 answered on 28-7-39.

The Statement in respect of the Higher Division appointments is subjoined :—

Nair	...	1
Syriac Catholic	...	1
Brahmin	...	1
Other Christian	...	1
Muslim	...	1
Other Hindu	...	1

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : ഇൻറർ മീഡിയററ് ഡിവിഷനിലും ലോവർ ഡിവിഷനിലും @ @ o o പേരെ ആറ പ്പാടെ നിയമിച്ചതായി കാണുന്നു ഇതിൽ എത്ര പേർ ഇപ്പോൾ ഉദ്യോഗത്തിലിരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാൻ കഴിയുമോകുമോ?

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MR. G. D. NOKES: I don't think that it will assist the member in any way if I try to collect the figures for his information. It is well-known that many of the postings are temporary or acting. Certain posts terminate very shortly, and the dates of termination are in the possession of the several Departments, and subsequently not reported to my office Immediately.

Appointments in the Public Service.

343 *MR. **PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is on the basis of caste, race or religion that the sections of people are classified for appointments in the Public Service?

DR. G. D. NOKES: The member is referred to the G. O. on Public Service Recruitment dated the 25th June 1935 and printed in the Travancore Service Recruitment Manual.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഉത്തരത്തിൽ പറയുന്ന ഫൻന്റ ഇ ജ്ഞ ൺ ഉ ഇ-ാന്ദ-യിലെ ജി. ഒ. ഞാൻ വായിച്ചു നോക്കിയതിൽ എന്റെ ചോദ്യത്തിന്ന് യാതൊരു മറുപടിയും കാണുന്നില്ല. അതിന്റെ കാരണം എന്താണെന്നു പറയാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

DR. G. D. NOKES: The Government order in question sets out the recognised communities, and also states that the basis for the recognition of a community is partly numerical. So the honourable member can discover for himself whether the basis of recognition for a community is "caste, race or religion".

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റി അല്ലെങ്കിൽ സമുദായം എന്നുവച്ചാൽ മെമ്പർ എന്താണ് അർത്ഥമാക്കുന്നതെന്നു പ്രസ്താവിക്കാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Sir, the member is asking me for a definition of religion, which I am not prepared to give. You find that Government have classified communities as Hindu, Christain and Muslim, and those main divisions do not require a definition. The sub-divisions, being on a numericel basis, follow in the main the nomenclature in the Census Report.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ആചാരം, മര്യാദ, വേഷം, ഭാഷ എന്നിവയിൽ ഐകരൂപ്യമുള്ള ജനസമൂഹത്തെയാണൊ സമുദായം എന്നു വിളിക്കുന്നതെന്നു പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Sir, I don't understand the member's question.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഇതൊന്നും മനസിലാക്കാതെ തോന്നിയവാസമായി ഇങ്ങനെ സമുദായത്തെ വിളിച്ചു എന്നാണോ ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടത്?

DR. G. D. NOKES: I cannot answer that question without notice.

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